

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question.

These rules serve the public interest by limiting the COMMERCIAL market oligopolistic power and market reach and homogenization of already huge corporate multinational players in the broadcast industry.

The AMERICAN PUBLIC STILL OWNS THE BROADCAST AIRWAVES, AND THEREFORE THE FCC MUST BE A WATCHDOG TO PROTECT THE COMMON PUBLIC CIVIC INTEREST.

LOCAL INFORMATION AND LOCALLY FORMATTED CONTENT MEDIA BROADCASTS SHOULD SERVE TO INFORM THE AMERICAN CITIZENTRY by presenting LOCAL PROGRAMMING, LOCAL CONTENT AND VIEWS, THIS ACTUAL DOES SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL CITIZENS IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL SECTORS.

I AM NOT A SUPPORTER OF PROMOTING WHAT INDUSTRY BEHEMOTHS OF COMMERCIAL MEDIA CORPORATIONS AND THEIR PAY LOBBIESTS THINK IS IN THEIR COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS.

I AM INTERESTED IN LOCAL PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND DIVERSITY OF CONTENT TO PROMOTE AN INFORMED AND CIVICALLY ACTIVE CITIZENTRY

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum and content of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it

is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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